

## § 1960.70

the log of occupational injuries and illnesses may be posted as the annual summary of Federal occupational injuries and illnesses.

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## § 1960.70 Reporting of serious accidents.

(a) Within 8 hours after the death of any employee from a work-related incident or the in-patient hospitalization of three or more employees as a result of a work-related incident, the Federal Agency head or his/her designee shall orally report the fatality/multiple hospitalization by telephone or in person to the Area Office of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor, that is nearest to the site of the incident, or by using the OSHA toll-free central telephone number.

(b) This requirement applies to each such fatality or hospitalization of three or more employees which occurs within thirty (30) days of an incident.

(c) Exception: If the Federal Agency Head or designee does not learn of a reportable incident at the time it occurs and the incident would otherwise be reportable under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, the Federal Agency Head or designee shall make the report within 8 hours of the time the incident is reported to any agent or employee of the employer.

(d) Each report required by this section shall relate the following information: Establishment name; location of incident; time of the incident; number of fatalities or hospitalized employees; contact person; phone number; and a brief description of the incident.

(e) Agencies shall provide the Office of Federal Agency Programs with a summary report of each fatal and catastrophic accident investigation. The summaries shall address the date/time of accident, agency/establishment name and location, and consequences, description of operation and the accident, causal factors, applicable standards and their effectiveness, and agency corrective/preventive actions.

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## § 1960.71 Location and utilization of records and reports.

(a) The provisions of the section, dealing with the availability of information compiled pursuant to this subpart, are designed to guide agencies in providing agency employees and their representatives with the basic information necessary to assure that they can actively participate in an agency safety and health program. The provisions of this section are also designed to encourage agencies to allow agency safety and health inspectors to have direct access to the accident, injury and illness records of the establishments they are inspecting in order that they may better carry out their duties pursuant to subpart D of this part.

(b) The log and supplementary record required by § 1960.67 and § 1960.68 shall be maintained at each establishment. Where, for reasons of efficient administration or practicality, an agency must maintain this record at a place other than at each establishment, such agency shall ensure that there is available at each establishment a copy of this record. This record shall be complete and as current as possible; in no case shall more than 3 months elapse between the recording of an illness or injury occurring in an establishment and the availability of records reflecting that injury or illness at that establishment.

(c)(1) For agencies engaged in activities such as agriculture, construction, transportation, communication, and electric, gas and sanitary services, which may be physically dispersed, the log and supplementary records, or copies thereof, may be maintained at a place to which employees report each day.

(2) For personnel who do not primarily report or work at a single establishment, and who are generally not supervised in their daily work, such as traveling employees, technicians, engineers, etc., the log and supplementary records, or copies thereof, may be maintained at the base from which personnel operate to carry out their activities.

(d) Each Federal agency shall post a copy of its agency annual summary of

Federal occupational injuries and illnesses for an establishment, as compiled pursuant to §1960.67 or 1960.69, at such establishment, not later than 45 calendar days after the close of the fiscal year or otherwise disseminate a copy of the annual summary for an establishment in written form to all employees of the establishment. Copies of the annual summary shall be posted for a minimum of 30 consecutive days in a conspicuous place or places in the establishment where notices to employees are customarily posted. Where establishment activities are physically dispersed, the notice may be posted at the location to which employees report each day. Where employees do not primarily work at or report to a single location, the notice may be posted at the location from which the employees operate to carry out their activities. Each Federal agency shall take necessary steps to ensure that such summary is not altered, defaced, or covered by other material.

(e) The head of each agency shall ensure access to establishment logs and annual summaries by the establishment's Occupational Safety and Health Committees, employees, former employees and employee representatives.

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#### **§ 1960.72 Access to records by Secretary.**

The records required to be maintained under the provisions of this subpart shall also be available and made accessible to the Secretary of Labor, Secretary of Health and Human Services and their authorized representative.

#### **§ 1960.73 Retention of records.**

The records and reports required to be maintained under the provisions of this subpart shall be retained by each agency for five years following the end of the fiscal year to which they relate, and any location including a Federal record retention center, to which the Secretary or his authorized representative would have reasonable access. In addition, records required by OSHA standards shall be retained in accordance with those standards.

#### **§ 1960.74 Agency annual reports.**

(a) The Act and E.O. 12196 require all Federal agency heads to submit to the Secretary an annual report on their agency's occupational safety and health program, containing such information as the Secretary prescribes.

(1) Each agency shall submit to the Secretary by January 1 of each year a report describing the agency occupational safety and health program of the previous fiscal year and objectives for the current year. The report shall include a summary of the agency's self-evaluation findings as required by §1960.78(b).

(2) Guidelines for agency annual reports to OSHA are prescribed in OSHA publication 2014. The Secretary shall notify agencies by January 1 of any changes to the guidelines for the subsequent year's report.

(3) The agency reports shall be used in the preparation of the Secretary's report to the President.

(b) The Secretary shall submit to the President by October 1 of each year a summary report of the status of the occupational safety and health of Federal employees, based on agency reports, evaluations of individual agency progress and problems in correcting unsafe or unhealthful working conditions, and recommendations for improving their performance.

#### **§§ 1960.75–1960.77 [Reserved]**

### **Subpart J—Evaluation of Federal Occupational Safety and Health Programs**

#### **§ 1960.78 Purpose and scope.**

(a) The purpose of this subpart is to establish a comprehensive program for the evaluation of Federal employee occupational safety and health programs. This subpart includes the responsibilities of agency heads in conducting self-evaluations of the effectiveness of their occupational safety and health programs, and the responsibilities of the Secretary in evaluating the extent to which each agency head has developed and implemented agency programs in accordance with the requirements of Executive Order 12196 and this part.